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Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No.: 4604 Inventor: Juergen OTTEN Title: CLAMPING MECHANISM

## Dear Sir:

1) I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:

a) 14 consecutive pages of written description;

 $\underline{4}$  consecutive pages with  $\underline{12}$  claims,  $\underline{1}$  independent;

\_1 page with an abstract;

 $\underline{6}$  sheets with  $\underline{6}$  Figs. (Figs. 1 to 6) of formal drawings;

b) a fully executed FAX COPY of the Declaration, Power of Attorney with 3 pages;

c) return receipt postcard;

- d) Form PTO-2038 for (\$770.00) to cover the filing fee. Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account No.:  $50-0\overline{5}07$ ; and
- e) Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, 2 references.
- 2) The Priority of an earlier application:

No. 103 00 202.2, filed on January 8, 2003 in Federal Republic of Germany

is hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. acknowledge the priority claim.

3) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to: **CUSTOMER NO. 021553.** 

Very truly yours,

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Encls.: as listed above

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